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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Application No.	09/539,734
Filing Date	March 30, 2000
First Named Inventor	Per Hammarlund
Art Unit	2183
Examiner Name	Harkness, Charles A.
Attorney Docket Number	42390P6873

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.**  
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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- a. ☐ Previously submitted  
i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on **Technology Center 2100**  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).  
ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on  
iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
b. ☒ Enclosed  
i. ☒ Amendment/Reply  
ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)  
iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)  
iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required) required)  
b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.  
i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) and any additional claims fee(s)  
ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and 1.17)  
iii. ☐ Other: (\$00)  
b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$1,190.00 enclosed 12/22/2003 SZENDIEI 00000104 09539724  
c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed) 01 FC:001 770.00 09

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**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

Name (Print/Type)	André L. Marais	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	48,095
Signature		Date	December 15, 2003

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Box Non-Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.  
**December 15, 2003**

Name (Print/Type)	Leslie D. Rogan	Date	December 15, 2003
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